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LOCAL CALL BETWEEN DELHI AND BHIWANI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the local call facility upto about 100 kms has been provided in almost all the cities across the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for not providing local call facility between Delhi and Bhiwani of which air distance is not more than 100 kms; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for provision of local call facility between Delhi and Bhiwani for the benefit of the people of both the cities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, local call facility is provided without '0' prefix all across the country under any of the following conditions:

Between stations within the same Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA).
Between stations of different SDCAs by '95' dialing, if the stations fall within the same Telecom Circle.
Between stations of two different Telecom Circles by '95' dialing if the SDCAs of the two stations are adjacent and the two Short Distance Charging Centre fall within 50 Km distance.
Between Delhi and NCR towns and vice-versa by '95' dialing.

(b) Local call facility is provided as per guidelines at (a) above and access to Bhiwani is not covered under these guidelines.

(c) At present, there is no proposal for provision of local call facility between Delhi and Bhiwani.